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and brought about an amicable settlement in respect of four motor transport companies and that he is trying conciliation in respect of the remaining seven companies and will send his report to the Government in due course."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received recently any representation from the Malabar Motor Employees' Union regarding the retrenchment of certain employees of M.S. and M.M.P.C. Company, Cannanore? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not quite sure, Sir, but I take it that the hon. Member has given the information to me."

Subordinate Judge's Court for Kasargode.

* 185 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representation from the public of Kasargode taluk to open a Subordinate Judge's Court at Kasargode (South Kanara district); and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The matter is under correspondence with the High Court, Madras."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" Sir, in view of the hardship caused to the litigant public, may I know whether the Government would expedite the matter? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Sir, it is pending with the High Court and the Government have again asked them to send the report early."

* 186 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the importance of the question, I would request the Hon. Speaker that the question may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, the question will be taken up tomorrow."

Transfers of Medical Officers.

* 187 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the State has been divided into regions for the purpose of transfers of Medical Officers, such as Sub-Assistant Surgeons or District Medical Officers and whether their transfers are limited to their respective regions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

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SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that huge sums are spent on the travelling allowance of these doctors by transferring them to distant districts, for example, by transferring a doctor from Visakhapatnam to Anantapur and from Anantapur to Visakhapatnam and the doctors themselves are put to much inconvenience, and will the Government consider the desirability of restricting such transfers within certain regions? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, as far as possible, transfers from one corner of the State to the other are avoided."

Point of order re *answers to supplementary questions.*

9-30 a.m. SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రము వస్తున్నదనే సాకుతో మంత్రులు, సభ్యులు వేసేటటువంటి ప్రశ్నలకు ప్రతిదానికి ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రాన్ని అడ్డము పెడుతూ సమాధానాలిస్తున్నారు. ఇది సభ్యుల హక్కులకు భంగకరంగా ఉంటుంటుందని తెలియజేస్తున్నాను. ఆరు నెలలకు వస్తుందనే ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రాన్ని అడ్డం పెట్టుచున్నారు. ఈలోగా మంత్రులేమన్నా కాని కిందపారేశి దిష్టిబొమ్మల్లాగా కూర్చోదలచారా? మంత్రులు ఇటువంటి విధానాన్ని అవలంభించకూడదని కోరుచున్నాను. అధ్యక్షులు సమాధానం సక్రమంగా మంత్రులచే చెప్పించేందుకు శ్రద్ధ తీసుకుంటారని మనవి."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member has raised a point of order. He says that during the question hour, he has found that most of the Ministers are brushing away all supplementaries though they are relevant on the pretext that in the near future the Andhra State will be formed. He believes that it is not proper to leave out questions like this and requests the Chair to come to his aid by asking the Ministers to take more interest in questions and answer them properly."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have nothing to do with the method of answering by Ministers as I have often told the House."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Land assignment to Harijans.

13 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable land (waste land) available in the State; and

(*b*) the extent of lands assigned to the Harijans and landless poor for the past five years?

A.—(*a*) 6,823,616 acres.

(*b*) Harijans—459,628 acres. Landless poor—The information is not available with the Government.